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I. U.S. PATENTS

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
5,019,090 to Pinchuk	Radially Expandable Endoprosthesis and the Like	May 28, 1991
5,104,404 to Wolff	Articulated Stent	April 14, 1992
5,133,732 to Wiktor	Intravascular Stent	July 28, 1992
5,135,536 to Hillstead	Endovascular Stent and Method	August 4, 1992
5,171,262 to MacGregor	Non-Woven Endoprosthesis	December 15, 1992
5,282,824 to Gianturco	Percutaneous Stent Assembly	February 1, 1994
5,405,377 to Cragg	Intraluminal Stent	April 11, 1995
5,476,508 to Amstrup	Stent with Mutually Interlocking Filaments	December 19, 1995
5,507,767 to Maeda et al.	Spiral Stent	April 16, 1996
5,507,768 to Lau et al.	Stent Delivery System	April 16, 1996
5,507,771 to Gianturco	Stent Assembly	April 16, 1996
5,549,663 to Cottone Jr.	Endoprosthesis Having Graft Member and Exposed Welded End Junctions, Method and Procedure	August 27, 1996

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5,554,183 to Nazari	Vascular Prosthesis for the Substitution or Internal Lining of Blood Vessels of Medium or Large Diameter and Device for its Application	September 10, 1996
5,575,816 to Rudnick et al.	High Strength and High Density Intraluminal Wire Stent	November 19, 1996
5,607,478 to Lentz et al.	Yarn Wrapped PTFE Tubular Prosthesis	March 4, 1997
5,628,783 to Quiachon et al.	Bifurcated Multicapsule Intraluminal Grafting System and Method	May 13, 1997
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5,707,388 to Lauterjung	High Hoop Strength Intraluminal Stent	January 13, 1998
5,716,396 to Williams, Jr.	Endoprosthesis Having Multiple Laser Welded Junctions Method and Procedure	February 10, 1998
5,178,724 to Goicoechea et al.	Bifurcated Endoluminal Prosthesis	February 17, 1998

II. FOREIGN REFERENCES

<u>PUBLICATION NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
WO 95/26695	Self-Expandable Stent and Stent-Graft and Method of Using Them	October 12, 1995

WO 96/21402	Stent-Graft Deployment Apparatus and Method	June 19, 1997
WO 96/21404	Kink-Resistant Stent-Graft	July 18, 1996
WO 97/21403	Kink-Resistant Stent-Graft	June 19, 1997
WO 97/33532	Endoluminal Prostheses and Therapies for Multiple-Branch Body Lumen Systems	September 18, 1997
WO 98/27894	Implant Deployment Apparatus	July 2, 1998

The present application is a continuation of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/487,943, filed on January 19, 2000, which contains similar subject matter. Each of the references cited herein was cited in the above-referenced parent application. Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided herewith. For convenience of the Examiner, the references are listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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